

UNIT 28: KASSA INLET

MANAGEMENT INTENT

State lands will be managed to maintain fish and wildlife habitat and harvest areas while allowing opportunities to develop permanent resource transfer sites and A-frame breakout points. Two areas are designated for permanent transfer sites. Areas on the west side of Kassa Inlet are designated for A-frame breakout points.

This unit, along with units 18 and 19, is heavily used for commercial fishing activities.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY USES

Refer to the land use designation maps for primary and secondary uses and fish and wildlife ratings.

PROHIBITED USES

- Mineral location in mapped crucial fish and wildlife habitat and harvest areas.
- Floathomes.
- Filling state tidelands and submerged lands for residential purposes.

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Refer to Chapter 2 for guidelines common to this and all management units. The following guidelines apply to this specific unit.

- **Anchorage.** Use of anchorages depicted on the land use designation map will not be precluded.
- **Developed Recreation Facilities in Crucial Habitat and Harvest Areas.** Based on available information, developed recreation facilities are initially determined incompatible within mapped crucial fish and wildlife areas. A specific proposal for a developed recreation facility may be considered for compatibility based on its design or on new habitat information.
- **Conflicts Between Commercial Fishing and A-Frame Logging.** Land managers will use siting or timing restrictions to avoid conflicts between A-frame logging and purse seine hookoff points and minimize conflicts with other commercial fishing activities.

FISH AND WILDLIFE INFORMATION

Eight anadromous fish stream outlets are included in the unit.

Tidal flats and coastal wetlands in Kassa Inlet support very high waterfowl and seabird concentrations. Kassa Inlet is fished intensively by purse seiners and provides a high-intensity abalone subsistence harvest. Kassa Inlet provides salmon and shellfish rearing habitat.

Clam Cove provides a localized subsistence clam harvest near Hydaburg. The area between Prince of Wales Island and the small islands in the outer inlet is productive and poorly flushed.